

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #73-5

Building Date: ca. 1800, ca. 1956

Building Name: Belvidere

Location: 11401 Belvidere Road, Mitchellville, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

Belvidere is a two-part hip-and-gable-roof frame plantation house which stands on a large level lot in a developing residential area. The main block is of the side hall and double parlor plan. Entrance is in the first bay of the three-bay east facade through a door enframed by shallow classical pilasters and pediment. Siding is plain horizontal board painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash. There is a narrow molded frieze course beneath the boxed cornice; two interior corbelled brick chimneys rise at the north elevation. Extending to the south from the main block is a gable-roof wing which predates the main block. A corbelled brick chimney defines the division between the two spaces in this wing. Siding, fenestration, and roof covering are similar to that of the main block. There is a one-story projecting semi-octagonal bay in the third bay of the main east facade. The stone foundation of the wing encloses a cellar space, in which can be seen the stone chimney with fire box opening into the southerly section.

Significance:

Belvidere is an unusual example of a hip-roof Greek Revival style plantation house distinguished by its hip roof and the fact that the main block was built onto an earlier vernacular dwelling. The property on which the house stands is part of a tract called Beall's Gift, which, late in the eighteenth century, belonged to Belt Brashears. At that time, Brashears lived in a small frame dwelling, which may be incorporated into the present kitchen wing of Belvidere. After Brashears' death in 1815, his approximately 130 acre farm passed to George W. Duvall of Prospect Hill, who devised it to his son of the same name. George W. Duvall II built the mainblock at the time of his marriage in 1856. The plan of the main block, and its interior trim are very similar to those of Buena Vista, the home built at the same time by a cousin, William T. Duvall. Although Duvall lost both Prospect Hill and Belvidere during the upheaval of the Civil War, Belvidere remained in his family until 1905. During the 1940's it was the home of Walter D. Addison, who later (1954-1966) became Prince George's County Register of Wills. Although Belvidere's plan and trim is similar to that of several other frame plantation houses of the period, it differs in that it has a hip roof and in that it incorporates an earlier structure. Most of its plain, Greek Revival trim survives intact. Belvidere is a good example of a mid-nineteenth century frame plantation house, with decorative details typical of the period.

Acreage: 20.07 acres

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Belvidere

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11401 Belvidere Road not for publicationcity, town Mitchellville vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county Prince George's County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James H., Thomas L. Starkey, et alstreet & number 11401 Belvidere Road telephone no.:city, town Mitchellville state and zip code MD 20716

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4294street & number Main Street folio 488city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plandate 1981 federal state X county localdepository for survey records Historic Preservation Commissioncity, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Belvidere is a two-part hip-and-gable-roof frame plantation house which stands on a large level lot in a developing residential area. It is distinguished by its size and setting, and its Greek Revival style trim.

The mid-nineteenth century main block is two and one-half stories with hip roof, three bays wide and roughly square. Entrance is in the first bay of the principal east facade through a six-panel door with narrow four-pane transom and three pane-sidelights over wainscot panels. The door is enframed by shallow classical pilasters and pediment. The door is approached by a new brick stoop with metal railing.

Siding is plain horizontal board painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash, taller on the first story; they have narrow molded surrounds, plain wood sills, and dark green louvered shutters. The window in the third bay of the west (rear) facade is downset to light the staircase landing. There is a narrow molded frieze course beneath the boxed cornice. The hip roof is covered with green asphalt shingle, and there are two interior corbelled brick chimneys at the north elevation. A one-story gable-roof porch has been built at the north end of the main block; it rests on a brick foundation, is accessible by a door in its west facade, and is now glass- and screen-enclosed.

Interior plan of the main block consists of side stairhall with double parlors adjoining on the north. The two-run open-string staircase rises along the south wall of the stairhall; it has a heavy turned newel and panelled spandrel. Door and window surrounds are of plain board with bullseye corner blocks. Between the two north parlors hang six-panel double doors, which fold open into the west (rear) parlor. The mantels in these parlors are wooden, Greek Revival in style; in each the firebox is framed by plain pilasters, and the wide frieze is highlighted by a shallow projecting ogee arch, similar to those of Buena Vista (P.G. #70-17). The high wooden baseboards have crown molding.

Extending to the south from the south facade of the main block is a two-and-one-half-story gable-roof wing which predates the hip-roof main block. This two-parlor wing is three bays by one bay, with a corbelled brick chimney defining the division between its two-bay southerly kitchen section, and its one-bay northerly parlor. The wing rests on a foundation of local iron-bearing stone. Siding, fenestration, and roof covering are similar to that of the main block. In the third bay of the main east facade, a one-story projecting semi-octagonal bay was added at the end of the nineteenth century. This bay is covered with German siding and rests on a brick foundation; it has 2/2 windows surmounted by molded horizontal panels, wide corner boards, and a wide overhanging boxed cornice. Interior trim in the wing is of plain board.

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A narrow two-story shed addition along the west facade of the wing extends its width to make it flush with the main block. At the south end of the wing is a two-story shed-roof porch; it rests on concrete piers, is covered with German siding and is lighted by banks of awning type windows.

The stone foundation of the south wing encloses a shallow cellar space. A batten door in the south gable end leads into the cellar from under the shed porch. In this cellar space can be seen the hand-hewn sill beams with mortise and tenon joins. Visible between the two sections of the wing is the stone foundation of the central chimney. The firebox opens into the southerly section of the cellar; above it is a massive hand hewn lintel beam, suggesting that this southerly space served as the kitchen of the original house.

The grounds at Belvidere include several large maples in the east yard. An unpaved drive gives access to the house from the east. South of the drive is a small storage shed; there are no other outbuildings.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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				Local History

Specific dates ca. 1800 and ca. 1856 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Belvidere is an unusual example of a hip-roof Greek Revival style plantation house; although the plan and trim of the house is typical of the mid-nineteenth century, the hip roof makes it unusual in Prince George's County. It is distinguished also by the fact that the main block was built onto an earlier small vernacular dwelling.

The property on which the house stands is part of a tract called Beall's Gift, which, late in the eighteenth century, belonged to Belt Brashears. At that time, Brashears lived in a small frame dwelling, 24 by 20 feet; this dwelling, rebuilt in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, may be incorporated into the present kitchen wing of Belvidere.¹

After Brashears' death in 1815, his heirs sold his approximately 130 acre farm to Richard Duvall, who lived on property adjoining this to the north (the present site of Glenn Dale Hospital). On Richard Duvall's death, in 1834, the farm passed to his children, who sold it in 1842 to their cousin, George W. Duvall of Prospect Hill.² It is probable that the main block of the house was built by G. W. Duvall's son (of the same name) after he inherited the property from his father, and at the time of his marriage (1856) to his Ohio cousin, Maxcey Rankin. The plan of the main block, and its interior trim are very similar to those of Buena Vista, the home built in the early 1850's by another cousin, William T. Duvall.³ George W. Duvall II lived at Belvidere for only a short time; during the Civil War, he went into debt and judgments were brought against him in 1866. Belvidere was seized and sold by the County Sheriff in 1867; it was purchased by Duvall's mother-in-law, Eliza Rankin of Ohio, who held the land for nearly 30 years.⁴ Duvall had also lost the family homestead, Prospect Hill; he and his family lived during the post-war period at another Duvall family farm a short distance northeast of Belvidere. Belvidere was apparently leased to tenants for part of this period.⁵

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George W. Duvall II died in 1892, and his mother-in-law died three years later. Mrs. Rankin's will devised Belvidere to her daughter, Maxcey Rankin Duvall, who resided at Belvidere with her sister-in-law, Elizabeth H. Duvall, until early in the twentieth century. Family tradition indicates that Mrs. Duvall opened a school at Belvidere, and educated the children of her Slingluff relatives at nearby Locust Grove. She sold Belvidere in 1905.⁶

During this century Belvidere has been the home of three families; in the 1940's it was the home of Walter D. Addison, who later (1954-1966) became Prince George's County Register of Wills. Since 1951 it has been the home of the Starkey family.

Belvidere is a good example of a mid-nineteenth century plantation house. Although its plan and trim is similar to that of several other frame plantation houses of the period, it differs in that it has a hip roof and also in that it incorporates an earlier structure. There are two other nearly contemporary hip-roof dwellings of this plan in Prince George's County: the Richard W. Bowie house at Groome's Lot (P.G. #78-5a) and Trumps Hill (P.G. #82A-12). In both of these cases, a wing has been built onto the pyramidal-roof main block, this changing the lines of the house. In the case of Belvidere, although the older (south) section of the house has been altered, the lines of the main block are still clear. Most of its plain, rather rustic Greek Revival trim survives intact. Belvidere is a good example of a mid-nineteenth century frame plantation house, with decorative details typical of the period.

Notes

¹ Federal Director Tax for Prince George's County, 1798, Collington and Western Branch Hundred; Estate File, Belt Brashears, 1810.

² Prince George's Deed JBB #1:463; JBB #2:167. Prince George's County Will PC #1:13.

³ Prince George's County Will WAJ #1:37; cf. Buena Vista, P.G. #70-17.

⁴ Prince George's County Deed FS #4:614.

⁵ G. M. Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County, 1878; cf. Prospect Hill, P.G. #70-25.

⁶ Prince George's County Will JBP #1:285; Prince George's County Deed #26:350; Census for Prince George's County, 13th E.D., 1900.

⁷ Prince George's County Deeds #325:25; #632:456; #1351:380; #4294:488.

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cf. Notes, Item #8

Acreage of nominated property 20.07 acres

Tax map 53, parcel 49

Quadrangle name Lanham

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian

c/o M-NCPPC

organization Historic Preservation Commission **date** September 1987

street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive **telephone** 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro **state** Maryland

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P.G.#73-5
(revised information entered 11/9/81)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Belvidere

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

11401 Belvidere Road

CITY, TOWN

Mitchellville

___ VICINITY OF

5th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Md.

P.G.

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME James H. Starkey III, Thomas L. Starkey Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

11401 Belvidere Road

CITY, TOWN

Mitchellville

___ VICINITY OF

Md.

STATE, zip code

20716

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

P.G. Co. Courthouse

Liber #: 4294

Folio #: 188

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

Md. 20870

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Prince George's Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

1974

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ☒ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

History Division, MCHPPC, 4811 Riverdale Road.

CITY, TOWN

Riverdale, Md.

20840

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
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<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Belvidere is a two-story frame house, built in two sections. The larger (north) section is three bays wide with the entrance in the first bay of the main (east) facade. The doorway carries a low pitched pediment that projects only slightly from the wall surface. A hall, with staircase at the west end, and parlors opening from it, runs along the south end of this block. At the north end are two internal chimneys; the roof is hipped.

The south section, which rests on a separate stone foundation (the foundation of the north section is brick), is smaller and lower. It has a central chimney and gable roof. There is a large stone fireplace in the cellar under this section, which probably served as the original kitchen.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		local history	

SPECIFIC DATES circa. 1856

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Belvidere stands on a tract of land known as Beall's Gift, owned by Richard Duvall in the early nineteenth century. It is possible that the south section of the house was already constructed when he bequeathed the land to his daughter, Elizabeth, upon his death in 1834. In 1842, the land came into the hands of George Washington Duvall of Prospect Hill (Elizabeth's uncle), who bequeathed it to his son of the same name in 1856. It is probable that G.W. Duvall II built the larger north section of the house, and gave it the name "Belvidere". He lived there until 1867, when, as a result of a judgment against him, Belvidere had to be sold. He lost Prospect Hill also, two years later, and moved to a farm on land adjoining Belvidere. The Belvidere farm was kept in the family, however; in 1895 it was bequeathed to Duvall's widow, who ran a school there for her Slingluff relatives of nearby Locust Grove. A later resident was Walter D. Addison, who became Register of Wills 1954-1966.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Prince George's County Deeds: #26:350; PS#4:614;
 Wills: JBP:285; WAJ#1:37
 Equity: #106

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ruth Lockard / Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE

October 1980

STREET & NUMBER

History Division, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Md. 20840

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P.G. County Survey : 73-5 Date ca. 1856
 Building Name Belvidere
 Location 11401 Belvidere Road, Mitchellville, Md.
 Open to Public yes x no

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The south section, which rests on a separate stone foundation (the foundation of the north section is brick), is smaller and lower. It has a central chimney and gable roof. There is a large stone fireplace in the cellar under this section, which almost certainly served as the original kitchen.

Belvidere stands on a tract of land known as Beall's Gift, owned by Richard Duvall in the early nineteenth century. It is likely that the south section of the house was already constructed when he bequeathed the land to his daughter, Elizabeth, upon his death in 1834. In 1842, the land came into the hands of George Washington Duvall (Elizabeth's uncle), who bequeathed it to his son of the same name in 1856. It is probable that G.W. Duvall II built the larger north section of the house, and gave it the name "Belvidere". He lived there until 1867, when, as a result of a judgment against him, Belvidere had to be sold. He lost Prospect Hill also, two years later, and moved to a farm on land adjoining Belvidere. The Belvidere farm was kept in the family, however; in 1895 it was bequeathed to Duvall's widow, who

and resident was Walter D. Addison, Register of Wills 1954-1966.

of Prospect Hill

belonged to her son's relatives of nearby Locust Grove. A later owner

U.S. Route 50/301
AA 937-000-57P

MHT Survey No. PG 73-5

Belvedere (73-5)
11401 Belvedere Road
Mitchellville, Maryland

Summary of Research done by *Rita Suthers*
February 1979

Maps, atlases, local, state and family histories and geneological records, deeds, tax assessments, chancery records, etc., were examined in researching Belvedere. Officers in the Society of Duvall descendants¹, Maryland Historical Trust County Committee members and Prince George County Historical Society members were consulted.

As to maps, a structure corresponding to Belvedere owned by Washington Duvall was found in the 1861 Martenet map of Prince George's County. The structure was indicated, but not identified on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County and a 1911 Geological Survey Map. The owner was George Washington Duvall, whose name was frequently abbreviated, and who was living at Belvedere according to a local history².

Belvedere could have been part of two land patents: Orphans Gift of John Smith³; or Beales Gift of James Greenfield⁴, both containing about 500 acres⁵. It is difficult to ascertain on what parcel of land owned by George Washington Duvall Belvedere was located. Among the possible parcels are (1) dwelling-plantation (unnamed) of 220 acres and land purchased of John Boyd which was willed by Charles Duvall⁶ (son of Benjamin Duvall) to his son, G.W. Duvall⁷, and (2) lands willed by George Washington Duvall to his son of the same name, purchased from Charles Duvall, Fielder Cross and Mrs. Merriken⁸. Belvedere is not mentioned by name in land records until a transaction deeding the property from Edna Addison to James Starkey, Junior⁹, which also referred to the property as Maxley Land.

¹See letter from Mrs. Margaret Fisher, Secretary SDO. (301)336-8775, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

²Mrs Ackerson: Holy Trinity Church and Her People, p. 83. See Harry Wright Newman: Mareen Duvall of Middle Plantation, p. 520, Washington, 1952.

³P.G. County Land Records Li. 22, Fo. 427.

⁴P.G. County Land Records Li. B23, Fo. 18.

⁵Map of P.G. County as erected in 1696 in Louise J. Henton Prince George Heritage, 1972. This map has been superimposed on a 20th C. Geological Survey map in an enlargement in Hall Records collection. (see xerox of part of this map in SHA survey file).

⁶Newman, op.cit. p 478.

⁷PG County, Li TT1, 90, July 24, 1814.

⁸PG County, Li WAJ #1, F37.

⁹PG County, Li. 1351, Fo 380.

Belvedere (73-5)
11401 Belvedere Road
Mitchellville, Maryland

U.S. Route 50/301
AA 937-000-57P

MHT Survey No. PG 73-5

With the assumption that Belvedere is located on the Orphans Gift parcel, a chain of title was completed as far back as 1842, when it was deeded from Charles Duvall to George W. Duvall¹⁰. It is not clear which Charles Duvall is the grantor, because no reference to a person of that name has been found that was married to a Maria (the name that appears on the 1840 tax assessment for the 1st election district). Unfortunately there remains a 140 year gap between this deed and the 1688 land patent due to the fact that no transaction concerning that tract and a Charles Duvall could be found in deed records from 1698-1840. The will of Richard Duvall cited in the deed did not turn up relevant information¹¹. The codicil to the will was not examined. The inventories and court administration records did not contain references to the land. Benedict Brashears deeded a portion of Beales Gift to Richard Duvall¹².

As to real property assessments, both Orphans Gift and Beales Gift were assessed in two different hundreds: either the Collington/Western Branch hundred; or Horsepen/Patuxent hundred. In Collington hundred assessments, portions of Orphans Gift was owned by Joseph Crop (or Crofts) and Basil Duckett in 1829 and 1810, joined by Elizabeth Wilson in 1796, and in Horsepen hundred Gabriel Duvall is owner listed in 1829 and 1819, to be joined by Joseph Crofts in 1796. As to Beales Gift, that portion in Collington was owned by Be~~it~~ (Benedict) Brashears in the 1829, 1810 and 1796 assessments; Beales gift portions in Horsepen were owned by Richard Duvall in 1829 and 1810, and by Alexander Duvall and James Wilson in the 1796 assessment. No improvements were listed for the properties in those assessment years.

By 1840, Charles and Maria Duvall, of the 1st election district, were the only owners listed for Orphans Gift (a 9 acre parcel) and Beales Gift (a200 acre parcel).

¹⁰P.G. County, Li. JBB2, Fo. 167.

¹¹P.G. County, Li. PC, Fo. 13

¹²PG County, Li. JRM 15, Fo. 553, April 10, 1813.

cc: Mrs. **M. Fisher**, Officer, Society of Duvall descendants, who assisted.
Mr. Edwardas
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MEMORANDUM FOR for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. SITE					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
Belvedere					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
11401 Belvedere Road					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Mitchellville					
STATE:			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No					
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Rail <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
James H. Starkey, Jr.					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
11401 Belvedere Road					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Mitchellville			Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Upper Marlboro			Maryland		
Title Record of Deeds, etc. (Book & Page)					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING RECORDS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
None					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unimproved
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame, clapboard sheathed structure, built in several sections. The larger (north) block is three bays with the entrance in the south bay of the main (east) facade. The doorway carries a low-pitched pediment that projects only slightly from the wall surface. A hall, with staircase at the west end, and double parlors opening off it, runs along the south end of this block. On the north end are two internal chimneys; the roof is hipped. This wing sits on a brick foundation.</p> <p>The south wing, which sits on a separate stone foundation, is smaller and lower. It has a central chimney and gable roof.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NE	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SE	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 25 Sept. 73

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

CHAIN OF TITLE

BELVIDERE (P.G.#73-5)

4294:488
29 Oct 1973
Deed

James H. Starkey et ux to James H.
Starkey, Thomas L. Starkey et al,
25.1473 acres

1351:380
15 Apr 1951
Deed

Edna Matthews Addison et vir (Walter D.
Addison) to James H. Starkey, Jr. et ux,
109.5 acres

632:456
25 Jan 1941
Deed

Joseph P. Matthews et ux to Edna Matthews,
109.5 acres according to survey October 1928

325:25
9 Nov 1928
Deed

Bernard S. Walker to Joseph P. Matthews
et ux, 109.5 acres

26:350
11 Sept 1905
Deed

Margaret Maxcey Duvall, widow, to Bernard
S. Walker, 140 acres called Belvidere, same
land sold at sheriff's sale by John Turston,
trustee, being part of land willed by George
W. Duvall by his father, George W. Duvall

JBP:285
7 Dec 1895
Will

Testator, Eliza Rankin: to daughter,
Margaret Maxey Duvall - all lands called
Belvidere, 246 acres

ES#4:614
13 July 1867
Deed

John Turston, sheriff, to Eliza Rankin,
246 acres called Belvidere, same land willed
by George W. Duvall to his son, George W.
Duvall

WAJ#1:37
24 June 1856
Will

Testator, George Washington Duvall: to son
George W. Duvall II, the land purchased from
Charles Duvall, Fielder Cross and Mrs. Merriken
(or James Murray, trustee), reported as 226
acres, but now surveyed as 246 acres.

JBB#2:167
31 Jan 1842
Deed

Charles Duvall to George W. Duvall, part
of Beall's Gift, devised by last will of
Richard Duvall to daughter Elizabeth, 122 acres

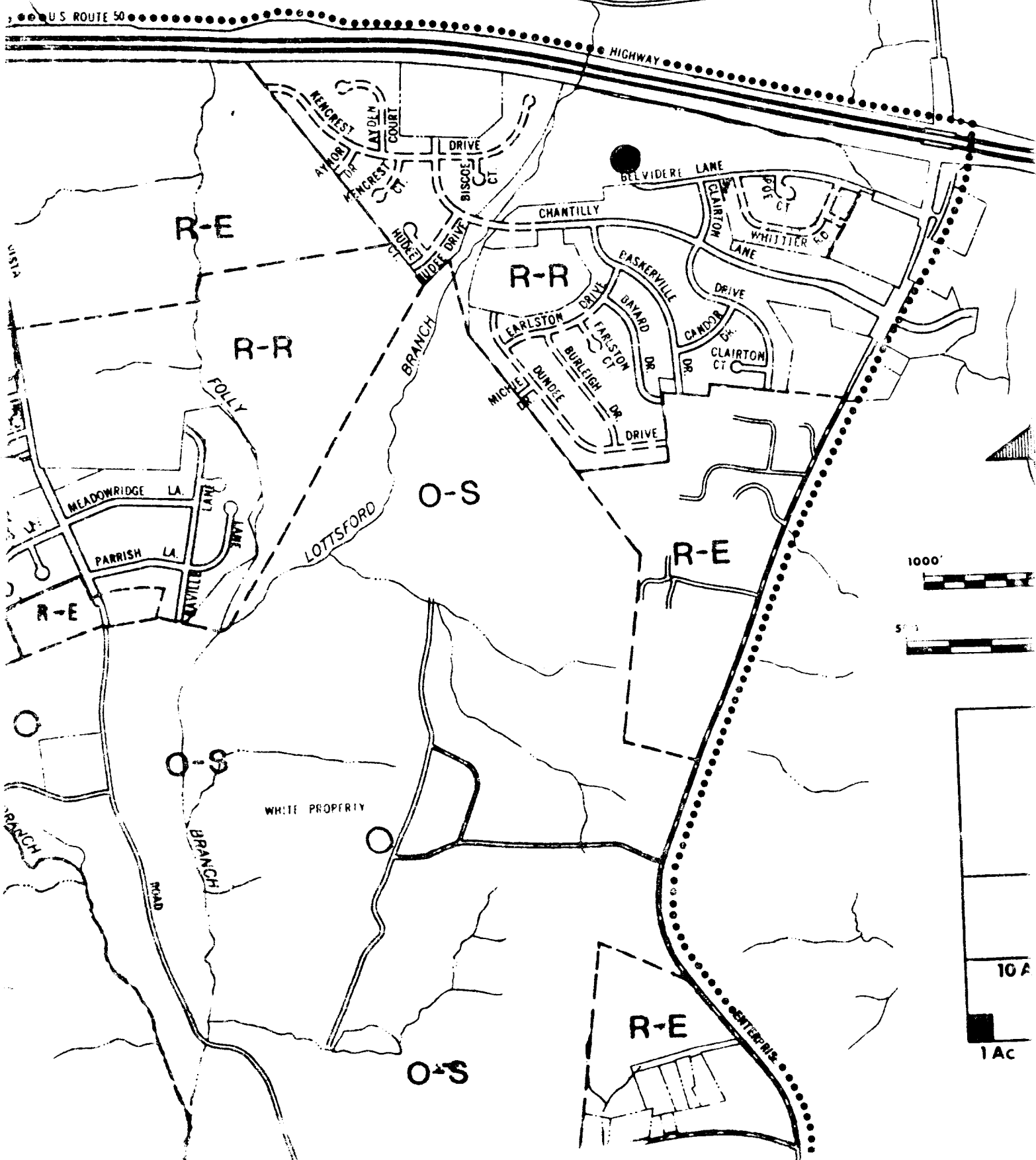
JBB#1:463
26 Apr 1841
Deed

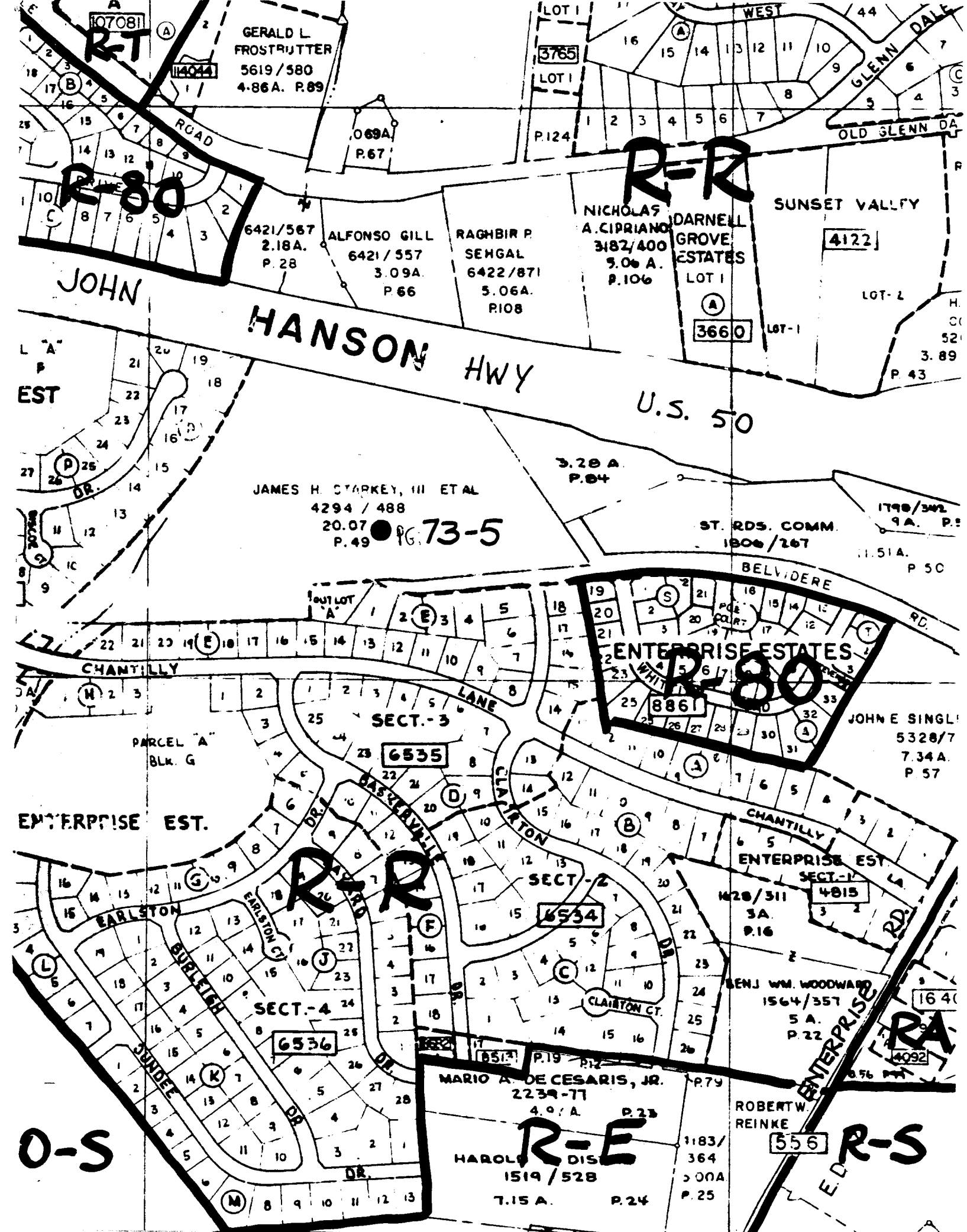
Elizabeth Duvall to Charles Duvall, all
land bequeathed to her by her father, Richard
Duvall, 164 acres, which he purchased from
Belt Brashears (Elizabeth Duvall later Mrs. Merriken)

PC#1:13
1834
Will

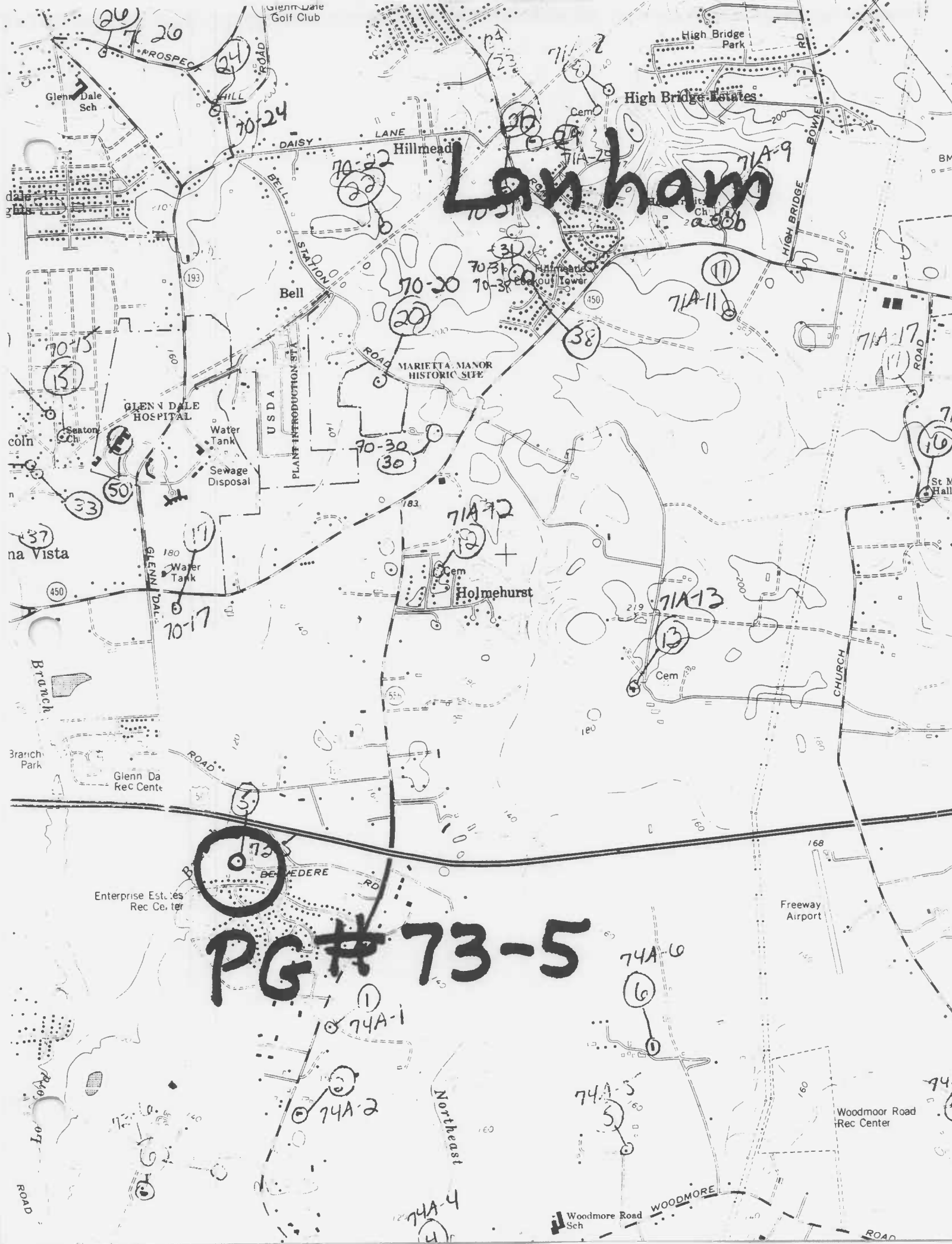
Testator, Richard Duvall: to daughter Elizabeth,
"part of my estate .. called the lower place,
or Belt Brashears' "

PG: BELVEDERE (73-5)









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Belvidere
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
April 1987
East elevation, main block
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #73-5

Belvidere
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
April 1987
Southwest 3/4 elevation
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #73-5

Belvidere
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
April 1987
Northeast 3/4 elevation
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #73-5

Belvidere
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
April 1987
East entrance
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



NAME BELVEDERE

LOCATION BELVEDERE Rd. AT Rt. 556 & Rt. 50 WOODMORE, Md.

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